

Remarks

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 132 Second paragraph

Applicants thank the Examiner and his Supervisor for the indication that they would be amenable to the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 132.

Rejections Under U.S.C. § 102

While Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner, to facilitate prosecution, Applicants have amended claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to the claims render the Examiner's rejection moot and respectfully request its withdrawal.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Applicants respectfully submit that the timely filed Terminal Disclaimer accompanying this submission renders the rejection moot.

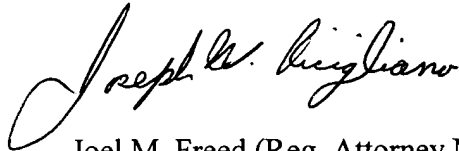
Summary

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application and pass it to allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to

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telephone the undersigned at the number provided. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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